

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF COUNSELING PROFESSIONALS LICENSURE
Minutes May 23, 2016 Board Meeting

Members Present: Scott Hutcherson, Jill Copeland, Sharon Abrams, Bette Katsekas, and Anne Bulger.

Others Present: Robert Perkins, AAG; Torrey Gray, Board Administrator; and Colleen Eugley, Board Clerk.

Members Absent: None.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Scott Hutcherson, Board Chair, at 9:03 a.m.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Anne Bulger to approve the minutes for March 28, 2016. The motion was seconded by Jill Copeland.

Vote: 5 in favor

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Complaint Presentations

2016-COU-12101

A complaint was filed against a counselor for unprofessional conduct.

A motion was made by Anne Bulger to dismiss the complaint with a letter of guidance to stay in the licensee's file for ten years. The motion was seconded by Bette Katsekas.

Vote: 5 in favor

2016-COU-11945

A complaint was filed against a counselor for unprofessional conduct.

A motion was made by Jill Copeland to dismiss the complaint. The motion was seconded by Bette Katsekas.

Vote: 5 in favor

B. License Denial Hearing

The hearing began at 9:51 a.m.

The hearing ended at 11:05 a.m.

A motion was made by Anne Bulger to uphold the denial on point 1 of the notice of hearing. The motion was seconded by Jill Copeland.

Vote: 2 in favor (3 against – Bette Katsekas, Scott Hutcherson, and Sharon Abrams)

The motion fails.

A motion was made by Sharon Abrams to grant the appeal on point 1 of the notice of hearing. The motion was seconded by Bette Katsekas.

Vote: 3 in favor (2 against – Anne Bulger and Jill Copeland)

A motion was made by Bette Katsekas to grant the appeal on point 2 of the notice of hearing. The motion was seconded by Jill Copeland.

Vote: 5 in favor

A motion was made by Anne Bulger to grant the appeal on point 3 of the notice of hearing. The motion was seconded by Bette Katsekas.

Vote: 5 in favor

A motion was made by Bette Katsekas to grant the appeal on point 4 of the notice of hearing. The motion was seconded by Jill Copeland.

Vote: 5 in favor

C. Application

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No board action. Board staff will send follow-up correspondence.

D. Administrator's Report

Torrey Gray presented licensing totals. She also announced that her last day at OPOR will be June 10, 2016.

E. Election of Officers

A motion was made by Bette Katsekas to elect Anne Bulger as the board vice-chair. The motion was seconded by Jill Copeland.

Vote: 5 in favor

A motion was made by Anne Bulger to elect Scott Hutcherson as the board chair. The motion was seconded by Bette Katsekas.

Vote: 5 in favor

IV. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2016, in the Central Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Eugley
Board Clerk